

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is amended herein is respectfully requested.

It is noted with appreciation that the Examiner considers applicant's arguments submitted on May 21, 2007 to be beneficiary in regard to the invention. It was, however, stated by the Examiner that the benefits of the claims were not properly discussed in those arguments and, further, that claims do not meet the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 in regard to the prior art in view of not being limited to a particular type of the subscriber.

To overcome these objections, the independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to more precisely identify the term "subscriber". Specifically, the claims as amended include definition of the subscriber as a customer to a service provider in the shared network. Support for this amendment can be found through the originally filed specification, and, for instance, on page 1, lines 10-13 and 30-32.

Accordingly, it is now clear that the subscriber is a customer to the service provider and the police operations are carried out at an access interface, while in Wasilewski the set top units (STUs) are customers and, therefore, subscribers to the service providers, as it was indicated in the arguments presented on May 21, 2007.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified features of the present invention as claimed are not disclosed or rendered obvious by Wasilewski even with combination with the other cited art.

Further, as already stated in previous submissions by the Applicants, the advantages provided by the feature of the claimed invention cannot be achieved by the solution provided by Wasilewski and any other prior art.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is patentably distinguishable and therefore it should be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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